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Mary T. Barra
Chief Executive Officer
General Motors Company
300 Renaissance Center
Detroit, MI 48243

Re: General Motors Chevrolet Blazer Announcement

Dear Ms. Barra,

As a Member of Congress who voted during the Great Recession to provide economic aid to embattled domestic automakers, I am very disappointed at the recent announcement by General Motors (GM) to manufacture the Chevy Blazer at the Ramos Arizpe, Mexico plant. This decision is an insult to hard-working families all across the country. Thousands of GM workers in America—including the second and third shifts at Lordstown—who have been permanently laid off are hearing the news that GM is sending jobs to Mexico instead of putting people back to work here.

General Motors had pledged to invest more than \$1 billion in domestic factories and create 7,000 new jobs, which makes today's announcement more troubling, especially in conjunction with the second shift at Lordstown plant officially ending this past weekend. The men and women of our community walked out of the plant for the last time with anxiety and concern for the future, and woke up recently to learn that GM is creating jobs in Mexico.

In response to the elimination of the second shift, your statement said that "we're working hard to get additional business for the complex." This morning's announcement proves that while there is plenty of investment in the 15,000 production workers in Mexico – and their sub-par wages of less than \$3 per hour—more can and should be done by GM to position the Lordstown plant for next 20 years. As GM employees around the country are being laid off, I am requesting an explanation for this decision and urging GM to reconsider and bring the jobs back to the United States.

The men and women of my district are ready to go back to work, and I stand ready to support GM in promoting domestic job creation. I appreciate your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your response outlining the reasons behind this decision. Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me or my staff anytime.

Sincerely,

Tim Ryan
Member of Congress

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